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MADISON WOMAN SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS FOR ALLOWING DRUG DEALER TO USE HER HOME TO SELL DRUGS

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Katrice Etchin, 31, Madison, Wis., was sentenced on January 6, 2009, by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 46 months in prison for making her apartment available for the purpose of using, manufacturing, and storing controlled substances.

On October 3, 2007, law enforcement officers found 149 grams of crack cocaine at Etchin's apartment. Etchin had allowed Maurice Bowman, her former boyfriend and co-defendant, to use her apartment to convert powder cocaine into crack cocaine.

Bowman and a third co-defendant, Albert Cole, will be sentenced on January 27, 2009.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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